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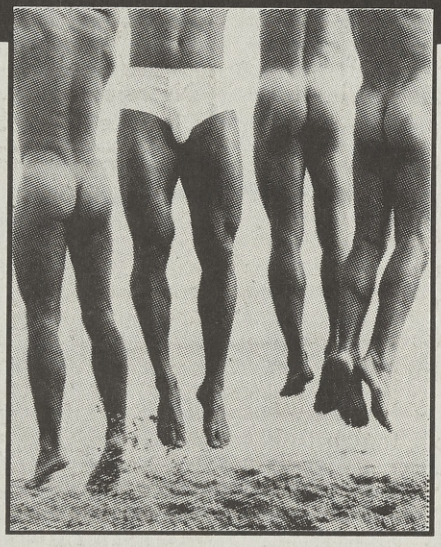

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As the AIDS epidemic has moved into its second decade, medical advances have produced therapies which offer relief from pain and may sustain life for people with AIDS. In 1991, new treatments for AIDS-related conditions were approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Further, several vaccine studies are currently in progress. Unfortunately, in many instances, patients may not have timely access to some of these treatments.

In 1986, AB 3323 was signed into law which classifies particular drugs for AIDS related illnesses and cancer for immediate addition to Medi-Cal formulary (subject to the Department of Health Services [DHS]). Unfortunately, DHS very narrowly interprets the use of these drugs, limiting the application of the 1986 law. This narrow interpretation restricts access to treatment for thousands of terminally ill AIDS and cancer patients.

I have introduced AB 2556 to require that drugs approved by the FDA for use in the treatment of AIDS-related conditions and cancer be added to the Medi-Cal list of contract drugs immediately. This bill will offer tremendous relief for AIDS and cancer patients who currently face bureaucratic barriers to these life-sustaining drugs. Further, I am working with DHS to achieve the same results immediately through regulation in lieu of the legislative process. I am hopeful this process will save time and provide quick relief for people with AIDS and cancer.

I'll keep you informed of my progress on this important issue and invite your support for AB 2556-A strong coalition of support will help demonstrate to DHS how critical this issue is to people with AIDS or cancer, and their families. I look forward to hearing from you

Sincerely,

Richard Katz

39th Assembly District

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Editor's Note: These excerpts are from a letter sent to Louis Sullivan, Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. PATLAR's readers are encouraged to also write to Mr. Sullivan on this issue.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

In the March 30, 1992, issue of Faulker & Grey's Medicine and Health newsletter, Assistant Secretary for Health James Mason, M.D., is quoted saying that the new advertisements prepared for the "America Responds to AIDS" campaign are designed to target a "broad" segment of the population without turning off any segment of society. Dr. Mason states that "there are certain areas which, when the goals of science collide with moral and ethical judgment, science has to take time out."

Were this comment not disturbing enough, the article continues with a comment from William Grigg, a spokesman for the Assistant Secretary, stating: "When you're fighting a fire, you control it from the outside and let the center burn. The same holds true for medicine."

These comments betray a callous disregard for the lives of more than a million Americans who currently live with HIV. People with AIDS, particularly gay men with AIDS, could reasonably interpret the remarks of these officials in your department as a direct statement that their lives are being sacrificed to political considerations, particularly political considerations fueled by right wing moralizers who have argued for over a decade that AIDS is "God's punishment".

I believe it is essential that you take immediate steps to insure that the damage done by these men is corrected. I strongly urge you to repudiate Assistant Secretary Mason's comments and denounce those of Mr. Grigg. Surely, you do not share his view that the lives of gay Americans must be sacrificed to the bigotry of religious zealots. It offers proof that our government is willing to let people die today in order to "control" AIDS more effectively in the future.

Much more needs to be done than renouncing these statements and toning down inflammatory language. You personally, Mr. Secretary, must assure all Americans generally and members of the communities hardest hit by HIV in particular that it is not the policy of this government to "let the center burn", and then in fact redouble the government's efforts to rescue and save people who find themselves at the center of the epidemic.

At a time when HIV is spreading rapidly among new populations, such as American teenagers and women of color, it is essential that steps be taken immediately to rectify the damage that Dr. Mason and Mr. Grigg's irresponsible remarks have done.

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Martin D. Casey

Outing Arthur Ashe

This past month, former Wimbledon champion Arthur Ashe was "outed" as a person with AIDS. Like so many before him, Ashe found out that "we, the people" had a right to know all about his personal health. Never mind that he and his wife had yet to figure out how to prepare their young daughter for the hardships this news would engender. Never mind that this had absolutely no bearing on his continuing ability to work and contribute to society. No, like Reagan's colon, Ashe's T-cells were "newsworthy", and *USA Today* decreed that Ashe could not be permitted the luxury of a little dignity or privacy.

For over a decade now, Lesbians and Gay men have been the vanguard of the fight to preserve the dignity and privacy of persons with AIDS. Virtually every single law or regulation which protects these rights is there because of our effort. We know all too well the stench of hatred, violence, and fear which surrounds this disease. And now, in a perversely cruel twist, the same logic which some in our community would use to involuntarily out closeted Gay men and Lesbians has been used to circumvent all the HIV-testing and disclosure privacy laws we have labored for so desperately.

Can't you see - Ashe can now serve as a "role model"? He will help demonstrate that AIDS is not just "a Gay disease". He will atone for his "selfish" attempt at hiding by fighting the epidemic publicly. He will create compassion and understanding where before there was only disgust and loathing. By being outed, he will help us all move forward.

Really?

I think it would have been wonderfully inspiring if Ashe had felt secure enough in his knowledge of the human potential for caring and compassion to come out as a PWA of his own accord. But clearly his experiences and observations of society taught him otherwise. Yes, if every Gay and Lesbian person came out, if every person with AIDS came out, it would be more difficult for society to hate or ignore us. In fact, at the March on Washington next April 25th, I fervently hope that there will be thousands of us coming out, expressing our dignity and pride for the first time in public. But each of us must have the right to arrive at that point ourselves and in our own way. For if we are not fighting for our right to basic self-determination, what the hell have we been doing for the past three decades?

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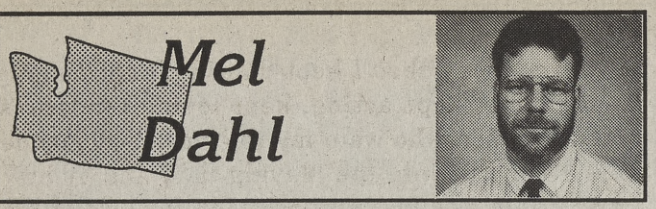

In My Opinion

Moot court, for those who have never had the pleasure of going to law school, is an exercise where law students divide into teams of two and play act arguing cases before the United States Supreme Court. Usually the topic is one actually pending before the Court, and they tend to be very emotionally charged.

The teams are required to write thorough briefs, of Supreme Court quality, and local judges and lawyers serve as mock Supreme Court justices for oral argument.

This year the topic for the moot court teams at Gonzaga Law School, a fine Jesuit institution in

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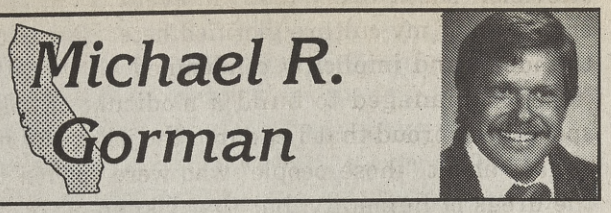
Hate Crime Alert

Recently, several Sacramento area businesses which support the Lesbian and Gay media (*PATLAR*, *MGW*, and *the Latest ISSUE*) through advertising have received vicious hate mail containing threats of arson and bombings. In addition, local bars, the Lambda Community Center, and several community groups have been targeted for harassment and vandalism. A group (or individual) calling itself "Zoro" or "Friends of Zorro" is using the postal service and computer bulletin boards to send these messages. Anyone who receives one of these messages should immediately report it to local police and the Lambda Center. The Lavender Angels are seeking volunteers to help out. Together, we can fight back!

PATLAR is proud of the courageous support of our advertisers! It has never been clearer that supporting the Lesbian and Gay media has great political importance. We urge all our readers to make sure our advertisers know just how vital their support is to our community.

Finally, "Zorro" has vowed to divide our community by sending concocted letters on falsified letterheads – attempting to pit us against each other. This cannot and will not succeed! We are all working together to help ensure that this cowardly group is identified and held accountable for these hateful acts. We at PATLAR stand ready to help in any way we can.



A Breeze of Freedom

In a couple months I will be celebrating Pride Day with other gays and lesbians in Sacramento's McKinley Park. I will stand in that same month along Market Street in San Francisco and watch the rainbow of diversity that is our community parade by. I will laugh. I will shout. I will no doubt cry. I will cheer the loudest when Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays marches past me. (I still dream of my own mother marching there, though she is 76 and still somewhat ambiguous about my sexuality, making my dream unlikely to happen.) But tonight I am more introspective. Earlier I sat quietly on the balcony of our apartment with an evening cup of coffee. I felt a cool spring breeze. I watched it gently toss the gay flag that hangs from our roof. Through the sliding glass door behind me I glanced at our son's drawing table with the sketch he did imitating the style of the San Francisco street caricaturist who had impressed him so. I could hear the hissing of the shower that I knew was caressing the naked skin of the man I love most in the world. I found my eyes returning again to the flag that I've grown to cherish so much in these few short post-closet years. I thought of gay pride. I asked myself — gently, for that was the nature of this night — what exactly it is I am proud of. I was taught as a child that pride is a sin, but even then I knew that they confused pride with conceit. I am proud. I rarely voice the things of which I am proud, but they are with me always.

I am proud that as a child, even though every concept of love and sexuality was explained to me in terms of little boys with little girls, I managed somehow to translate those definitions into my own language for my own feelings, recognize how different they were, and work so hard to hide and protect them from attack. I am proud that, as I grew older, and the ruse began to feel so real that I had trouble distinguishing my true self from the mask, that somewhere deep inside I was still somehow able to preserve a seed of identity against the spring of my coming out.

I am proud that, even though every movie, every billboard, every radio commercial, every song, every

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television show, every festival, every tradition, every ritual of my culture glorified heterosexuality as the ideal, and implicitly condemned all that I was inside, I managed to build a modicum of self-respect. I am proud that I endured the jokes and innuendoes about "those people" who were spoken of as the dregs of humanity, but that I knew were me. I am proud that I can now hear the word "faggot" shouted at me and think, "You're damn right I am, and if you knew how much strength it took to survive your attempted denigration thus far, you'd realize too how I can take back that word with pride!"

I am proud that I lived through an upbringing in a family that was not only different from me, but also hated what I was. I am proud that I continued to love those who would have (indeed did in later years) reviled me had they truly known me. I am proud that I went to church with that family and still found, through the fog of paternalism and heterosexism, a spirituality that was uniquely my own. However, what I meant when I said "I love Jesus" would have scandalized the church biddies!

I am proud that with no father-son talks to assist me and no towel snapping sex banter in the locker rooms to validate my desires, and no parent subsidized prom dance mating rituals, I was able to piece together enough of an understanding of my body and my appetites that I was not a bad lover when the time came that I could express love in the way that is natural to me.

I am proud that I kept dancing, kept singing, kept crying, kept acting, kept loving tenderness when the men who were my role models demanded that I run out into the playing field and embrace competition and bruising confrontation, and called me sissy when I expressed discomfort in doing so.

I am proud that I never stopped loving and respecting girls when they became just walking sets of tits to my brothers, I am proud that I listened to them as equals and stood up for them in the secret male places where they were talked of as objects- I am proud that I learned to admire and respect and aspire to those qualities which are so natural in women and which my upbringing tried to purge in me.

I am proud that I never succumbed to the despair bred by a world that seemed so alien to me and so hostile to me. I am proud that I faced the fears and frustrations that every adolescent faces and then some, all in a society that would not embrace me. And I survived.

I am proud that I do not hate the family that treated me so shamefully. I am proud that I have been able to hew out of the walls of silence a place

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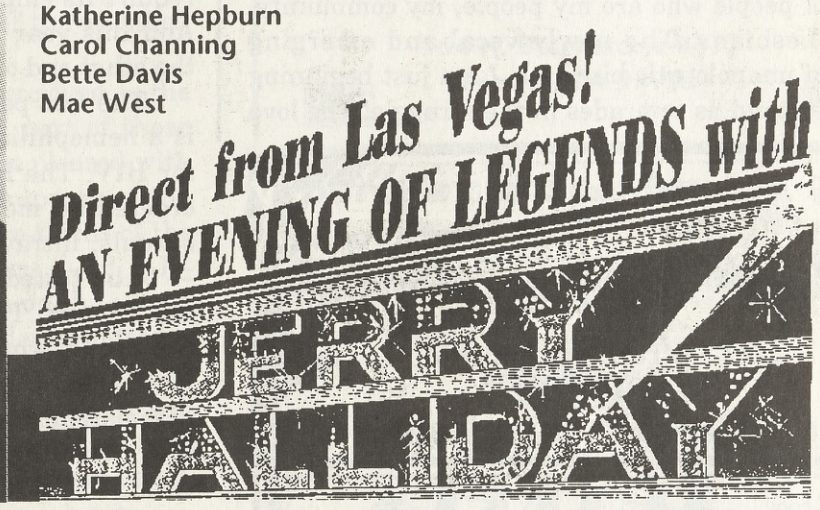

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for myself and a family for myself that is not bound by the obsolete and destructive stereotypes and limits of the old model.

I am proud that I came out of the closet in defiance of thousands of years of oppression and shame. I am proud that I could not let even the very weight of history intimidate me back into hiding, I am proud that I endured the loss of blood family and old friends, climbed out of the temporary pit of alienation and began the true walk on my own path.

I am proud of the courage I must muster every day to be honestly myself in a world that wishes I were either something else or silent. I am proud of the number of people who have shed their prejudices simply because they have known me in truth. I am proud that my son can think of me and understand what it means to have the strength of one's convictions.

I am proud that these personal accomplishments are not at all unusual in this phenomenal group of people who are my people, my community. Gays. Lesbians. The newly vocal and emerging group of unapologetic bisexuals I am just beginning to understand as comrades in the struggle. The love and care we give to ourselves and to each other is a modern miracle for which we alone are responsible. To even survive as a gay man or lesbian or bisexual in this culture at this time is profoundly amazing. To survive with as much creativity, love, humor, selflessness, and power as we have, is barely believable. I, we, do indeed have much of which to be proud.

The color bands on our flag are symbolic of our diversity and our unity. There are not enough colors to truly represent us, nor enough thread to reflect our bond. We are not perfect, but are an incredible people for whom pride ought to be anthem.

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Spokane, was whether a state owned hospital can require its employees to be tested for the HIV virus. And this year I was helping with moot court from the other end of the bench.

The fact pattern was simple: a male nurse who is a hemophiliac was fired for refusing to be tested for HIV. The hospital had instituted a policy that ordered all members of high risk groups — homosexuals, intravenous drug users and hemophiliacs — to be tested. The nurse, Brad Daly, refused and was canned. The hospital alleged that it would not fire people who tested positive, it would merely remove them from jobs where they were likely to expose patients to the HIV virus. Daly argued that the test violated his right to privacy and equal protection.

This fact pattern is based on a real case being heard by the United States Supreme Court this term, involving a male nurse in Mississippi who was fired under a policy identical to the one in question here. The only factual difference is that the hypothetical Brad Daly was a hemophiliac whereas the real life nurse is a gay man with a lover with AIDS. Since the case came from Mississippi, I'm sure my readers can all guess how sympathetic the lower courts were to a gay male nurse who doesn't want to be tested for the HIV virus.

There were approximately 50 Gonzaga teams, and I read every one of their briefs. Since most of these students are people I know, and since each team had the right to decide which side of the issue they wished to take, I found very few surprises as to who took which side. Most of the conservatives argued that testing is permitted, if not required; most of the liberals found privacy rights.

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Most, but not all. A very devout, conservative Mormon, whom I know from lengthy discussions takes "traditional values" very seriously, nevertheless argued so passionately and articulately in his brief for compassion and protection for those with disease that it made my eyes mist. By the same token, an old line liberal, who on most issues outdoes the ACLU in supporting individual rights, nevertheless feels very strongly that we do not know enough about AIDS and how it is transmitted that until more data comes in we need to err on the side of caution in protecting society.

So what have I learned from all of this? First, these briefs were not written by blue collar workers. Every team consisted of college educated, bright, intelligent people, although one does have to wonder about someone who thinks people with AIDS don't suffer from discrimination. These are the people who will be society's movers and shakers: its legislators, administrators and judges. Therefore, the opinions of these people are, from a surely practical standpoint, far more important for their ultimate impact on society than the opinions of the so-called person in the street.

I was greatly pleased by what I perceived as the general lack of bigotry, even on the part of those who argued for the hospital. I was also pleased with the numbers. The student teams supported the nurse by a ratio of over 2 - 1. That two-thirds of the next generation of movers and shakers — in a Jesuit institution, no less — came down on the side of individual rights is, to me, a very good sign indeed.

My bet is that the Rehnquist court, heavily stacked as it is with right wing political hacks, will rule in favor of testing. If so, then a quotation from the Book of Job comes to mind. Job, you may recall, lost his great wealth, his children were all killed in a tragic accident, and he himself was stricken with a terrible disease. Three of his so-called friends paid him a visit and told him that if he was suffering, it must be because he was sinful, and God was surely punishing him for something. After they finally shut up and sat down, a young man named Elihu, who correctly understood that suffering has little to do with sinfulness, prefaced his words of encouragement to Job by saying, "Great men are not always wise, neither do the aged understand judgment."

No, great men are not always wise, and justice does not always flow from the tribal elders. Perhaps the Rehnquist court would do well to learn from these law students who, young though they are, are nevertheless wise enough to understand that there are some values that are beyond the reach of the powers that be.▼

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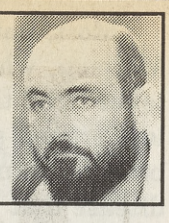

Yours Truly in a Swamp

On the flight to Louisiana from California, we took off from San Francisco on a fog-free morning, affording the kind of travel-video view one hardly ever sees in real life. In the seat behind me was a plump, pink lady from Connecticut who flew in at night and was told she would love seeing the take off in daylight. She did.

We swooped up over San Francisco Bay, looking down on the famed TransAmerica Pyramid, the most unique building in America, and the mighty Bank of America. Beyond, lay Sausalito and Mill Valley, where I had just spent 5 glorious days hot-tubing, wine-drinking and all around California-ing.

Then, the Golden Gate Bridge took my breath, as it has since first seeing it in 1968. On this visit, I walked with a lady friend, with whom I was a hippie in those distant, fabled days. We walked along the Marin Headlands looking back at the bridge and San Francisco, paradise on the hill. A group of young, well-dressed Germans passed us, tempting me to dazzle them with my 15-word German vocabulary. I did not.

We watched the Germans and talked of my Grandmother's arrival from Stuttgart when a girl of 16. We talked of Bob Dylan's last big-selling album, "John Wesley Harding." In that collection, Dylan, the uncontested poet of the Sixties, writes/sings: "I pity the poor immigrant, who wishes he would have stayed home..." The year was 1968. Dylan, born a Jew, was about to "find Christ."

Our plane flew south along the Pacific coast nearly to Los Angeles, the city of immigrants. The megalopolis was visible as nearby sprawling suburbs and a distant, brownish dome of automobile fumes. I heard the pink lady tell her seat-mate she would rather live in San Francisco. The pilot talked about the L.A. Basin and we headed out over the desert.

Los Angeles is built in a coastal desert. It is the reason they irrigate and have so many sun-shiny days. It is the reason they fight with northern California over northern California's water. And the reason L.A. was the nation's first city to notice car fumes mixed with sunshine were forming a new, more potent, air pollution.

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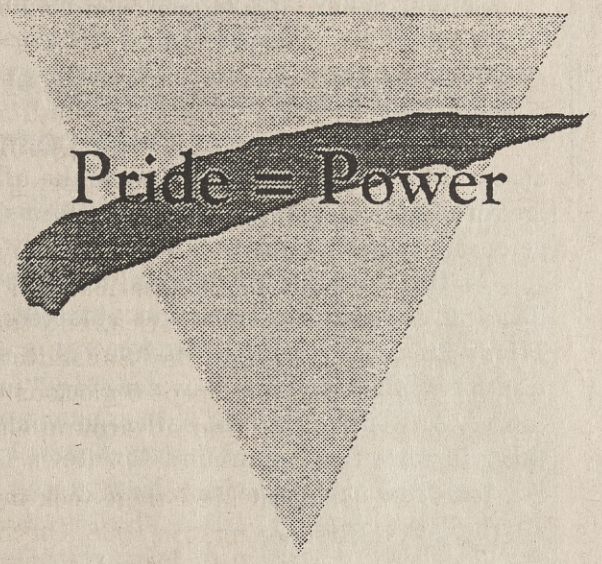

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Waiting to change planes at Houston's huge Intercontinental Airport I read the first item of the San Francisco Chronicle's elderly, timeless columnist Herb Caen:

"We're still trying to check this, but around USAir, staffers are circulating the story of an employee last-named Gay who boarded a USAir flight with a non-revenue ticket. Finding the seat assigned to him occupied by a paying passenger, he slipped into an empty one a couple of rows back. Then, due to a mechanical delay on another flight, the plane began filling up so the gate agent came aboard to get all non-paying passengers off. Stopping at the seat assigned to Mr. Gay, he said to the man, 'Are you Gay?' Looking startled, the man nodded, at which the agent said, 'Then you'll have to get off.' Mr. Gay, hearing this, called out to the agent, 'You've got the wrong man —I'm Gay.' Whereupon a young man seated across the aisle leaped to his feet and announced, 'Hell, I'm gay, too — they can't kick us all off!'..."

Landing safely back in New Orleans just after a 5-inch rainstorm — as normal in the great mother swamp as redbeans on rice — the news greeted me of heavy rains in the Los Angeles Basin.

Rains hardly noticed in a swamp easily flood a desert. Most western U.S. cities make allowances for rare but occasionally heavy rainstorms. Los Angeles and Houston do not.

On the third day of national interest in L.A.'s flooding, a sickening story was splattered in The Times-Picayune about a washout at a sewerage treatment plant spilling "raw sewerage" into downtown L.A. Not that cooked sewerage would be anything to want floating around downtown Los Angeles, but "raw sewerage" sounds about as awful as anything ever gets.

Back in New Orleans, I asked Jimmy, the barber, who was raised in Los Angeles, if anything happened while I was away. He said, "Comus and Momus are still not parading and Comus has banned TV from the meeting with Rex on Mardi Gras. Everybody else is parading. And, Dorothy Mae Taylor and Jackie Clarkson are in a bitch fight; they were calling each other insane at last weeks City Council meeting."

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Kay Mehl Miller

Grief– A Restorative Process

Part 1

The caller asked, "Kay, can you write something on coping with the loss of a lover? There are so many survivors in the community who are devastated."

Kay Mehl Miller is a credentialed counselor in private practice and will complete her Ph.D. in Psychology from the Saybrook Institute in June. She has been a freelance columnist for Hawaii's "Island Lifestyle Magazine" for nearly two years. If you have something to "talk over" with Kay, write to her c/o PATLAR Magazine.

I had thought of it before, but I wasn't quite sure I was ready myself. I am awed by magnitude of the burden of early grief in a community that, in its youthful ranks especially, should be bursting with life and light, but is tasked with coping with the HIV virus and all the ramifications that come with it, including surviving the loss of a love.

Before I presume to share with you what I know about grief, let me say that as a parent of a young person and a mother-in-law to his lover, I am close to all of you. I watch as you cope with the disease, and I am proud of the energy, enthusiasm, creativity, and honest effort you put into supporting one another and in your efforts, from the very beginning, to recognize, organize, cope with, and resist the virus with all your courage and might.

Yet death comes, and we in the Western world have trouble with death. Because we have not been taught that death is a natural part of life or how to accept it, we deny that it exists and live as if we or those we love will never die. And when it comes, it hurts, and the hurt becomes a terrible wound that fragments us, and the wound must be healed before we can become whole again. Grief is the process that heals the wound and restores us to wholeness.

Because of our societal attitude toward death, many of us have not been taught what to expect from grief, and when it comes to us, we feel weird, out of place, uncomfortable, guilty for grieving, helpless, and generally out of sorts. We are also angry)whether we'll admit it or not. So what can we expect and what can we do to ease the grieving process?

First, remember that grief is a restorative process, absolutely necessary for a return to wholeness. Just as any wound needs tending, the wound from the loss of a love needs attention. The length and intensity of the love relationship which bonded you to another and made that relationship a vital part of your life means the longer it will take to heal the wound of your loss, so don't fault yourself if you are still grieving after a year, or two years, or even more. It is my experience that about the third year, one begins to finally feel that life is becoming normal again.

Immediately after the death of a loved one,

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there may be a feeling of relief that borders on euphoria, particularly if the illness has been a long and debilitating one, and you have been the main caretaker. Following the feeling of relief which you may have openly expressed, is a feeling of guilt. How could you be glad that someone you love died? You must realize that there will be a crazy-like mixture of feelings in early grief. That you are happy one minute and sad the next is something that you can expect. Just allow whatever feeling is true for you to be there, and don't judge yourself for whatever you are feeling. Just accept that your body, mind, and spirit are working for you to help heal your wound.

Next month Kay Miller will share further insights on grief.

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Midwest's First Lesbian and Gay Mental Health Program Opens

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The program features group therapies directed by physicians, and other licensed professionals. These group sessions explore a variety of issues including: HIV and grief, substance abuse and the 12 Step Program, healthy relationships and men's and women's gender identity.

To provide information about the program and to serve as a mental health resource for the lesbian and gay community, Positive Lifestyles has a toll-free line. Persons can reach Positive Lifestyles by dialing (800) 877-6848. The line is open from 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. weekdays and from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on weekends.

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Lark Lands, PhD, is the author of "Positively Well: AIDS as a Chronic, Manageable, Survivable Disease." She holds a doctorate in nutrition and a master's of science degree in psychology. She worked as a scientist for a large Washington D.C. think tank, the MITRE Corporation, for six years, conducting extensive investigations in the area of immune enhancement. She has worked with hundreds of people living with HIV infection and is a frequent speaker at national, state and local AIDS conferences.

Living well with a chronic illness of the autoimmune system, such as HIV, is based on the addition of immunity-enhancing factors and the subtraction of immunity-detracting factors. In terms of nutrition, this means whole foods, as fresh and uncontaminated as possible. You want to add all the nutrient-rich foods to your diet and subtract all the nutrient-poor foods. It should be obvious that excellent nutrition is extremely important to staying healthy because the raw material of which your whole body is made comes entirely from what you eat and drink. What you put in your mouth creates every cell in your body.

According to Marcy Fenton, MS, RD, a registered dietitian and nutrition consultant to AIDS Project Los Angeles, "Among people with HIV infection, malnutrition can contribute to the development of opportunistic infections, can hasten physical deterioration, and in those with AIDS, can be the underlying cause of death. Conversely, an aggressive, individually-tailored, nutritional program is crucial to slowing infection, increasing the efficacy of medical treatment and enriching the quality of life."

Paul Cimoch, MD, the Director of Medical Services at the Center for Special Immunology in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, has stated quite simply that "Good nutrition plays a primary role in the fight against the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), as it does against any infection, by providing the nutrients required by an activated immune system. The lack of certain nutrients has been shown to diminish the functional ability of the immune system, including T-cell function and count."

Those with illnesses concerning immunosuppression need a diet that provides the very best high-quality nutrients and, in addition, adds in extra fortification to make up for the stress and demands of a chronic illness.

So, what is that diet - in 25 words or less? A wide variety of whole, organic foods, properly prepared and eaten, with as little junk as possible! By whole food, I mean food that's as close to its natural state as possible. Fresh and lightly steamed vegetables; fresh fruit; fresh and lightly toasted nuts and

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seeds; whole grains; good quality protein; in other words, foods that are whole, unprocessed and loaded with the vitamins, minerals, fiber and enzymes that build health into every cell of your body. The guidelines included in this series suggest how you can make the transition from the SAD (Standard American Diet) way of eating to a healthy, whole-foods diet.

It's important that you shop carefully. The best shopping rule I know is a very simple one: when you're in the super market, don't put anything in your basket that wouldn't have been commonly available 10,000 years ago! That will eliminate the junk foods and the chemically poisoned foods, or what I call the life-draining foods. You will want to start reading labels. If it has more chemicals than food, you don't want it. If it has ingredients you can't even pronounce, you shouldn't buy it.

Try to purchase organic food as much as possible. The information about what is put into the average super market food makes it over whelmingly clear that those foods are damaged in a great many ways and that those pesticides, additives, preservatives, flavor enhancers, dyes and all the other chemicals poured in, put a really major toxic load on your body. The EPA has identified 55 types of pesticides which leave residue in food and which are carcinogenic. The EPA's regular tissue surveys show that a large number of pesticides and other toxic chemicals tend to accumulate in the human body. I don't think it would be good for the average perfectly healthy person to have to endure all that and it's certainly not good for anyone trying to support the immune system. No matter what the disease is, when you need healing, it's really important to get the purest food possible.▼

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Please contact Susie Lewis, at 885-5125 for ticket information and reservations. Seating is limited, so please call early.

A no-host bar-and hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6:30, dinner buffet at 7:30, and dancing at 9:00 p.m.

Join us for a good time and do good for your community.▼

Getting set for AIDS Awareness! Working together to plan the Annual Dinner Dance are members of the Board of Directors of the Sierra Foothills AIDS Foundation. Left to right: Susan Hamilton, Suzie Lewis and Rev. Jackie Kortright.

Auntie Helen's 3rd Annual 'Night Of Stars' Set For The Marriott Marina, June 14th, 1992

"As long as there is a need ... and unhappily the need is greater than ever — we'll be there." says Gary Cheatham, founder and president of Auntie Helen's Laundry Service for people with AIDS and ARC, announcing the organization's 3rd annual Night of Stars fundraising gala.

"This year, the Night of Stars will be held at the beautiful Marriott Marina in the San Diego Ballroom on Sunday, June 14th," said Gary. "The past two Night of Stars have been enormously successful and beneficial to our less fortunate friends in the San Diego community. This year, with the community's support, we hope to equal or surpass last year's effort which resulted in raising more than $30,000."

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The special guest stars, performers and celebrity auction participants will be announced shortly, according to Auntie Helen's vice president and producer-director of the Night of Stars, Allan Chapin. In previous Nights, stars such as Joan Rivers, Michael Jackson, Ann-Margret, Liza Minnelli, Peter Allen, Rip Taylor, Debbie Reynolds and many others have donated memorabilia for the auction portion of the evening's entertainment.

Tickets for The Night of Stars will go on sale in May, added Chapin. Call (619) 299-8747 for information.

New Roommate Referral Service Increases Housing Options for People With HIV

For San Franciscans with AIDS or HIV infection, finding housing which meets individual medical and financial needs is made easier with Shanti Project's new Roommate Referral Service, part of the agency's HIV Housing Network. The HIV Housing Network already provides help in locating rentals for those who can live independently as well as help in accessing available housing offered by service organizations. This new service offers free roommate referral for those who seek to share apartment or house rentals and reduces living expenses for people with HIV/AIDS.

"Living with a roommate is a preferred option for many people with HIV/AIDS," says Ellen Hardtke, Director of Shanti's Residence Program. "Diminished income because of chronic illness often means that the startup costs of moving to a new apartment are not affordable in even the most reasonably priced areas of the City. The opening of the new Roommate Referral Service will provide another avenue of housing possibilities for people with AIDS/HIV infection."

At present more listings are needed to fill the requests for reasonably priced shared housing. Anyone willing to share rental of their homes or apartments with people with HIV/AIDS as roommates should call (415) 575-3710, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. to be listed.

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The lawsuit, filed by the Western Law Center For the Handicapped and the ACLU of Southern California in United States District Court in Los Angeles, charges that Dr. Thelma A. Reich of the Ventura Urgent Care Center improperly denied treatment to Salvador Fuentes, an HIV-infected man who was bleeding profusely from a cut to his hand.

The lawsuit is believed to be the first HIV-related case filed under the provisions of the Americans with Disability Act.

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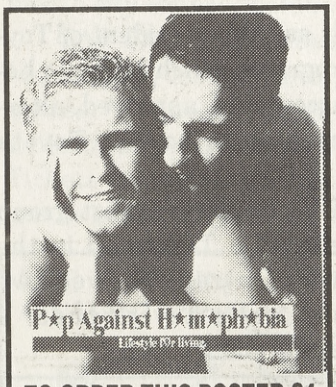

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The Lobby For Individual Freedom and Equality (LIFE) announced its strong condemnation of the not-guilty verdict in the four police officers who stood trial for the assault on Rodney King in Los Angeles.

John Duran and Ken Jones, Co-Chairs of LIFE, stated that LIFE stands in solidarity with the African-American and Latino communities in denouncing the verdict.

"For too long, the disenfranchised of society have been oppressed by the police," stated Duran "This verdict must not be seen as granting license to law enforcement officers throughout California to wreak havoc on minority communities.

"The lesbian and gay community knows only too well the shock and outrage of being betrayed and battered by those who are supposed to protect our civil rights," continued Jones. "We must stand together to protest this travesty of justice."

Toyota "Promoting Homosexuality"?

The American Family Association (AFA), an anti-gay censorship group, has targeted Toyota for "promoting homosexuals as normal family."

The AFA, which is capable of generating thousands of letters and influencing companies to change their ad policies, asserts Toyota is "one of the leading sponsors of prohomosexual programs on network television," meaning shows that occasionally feature lesbian or gay characters — like *L.A. Law* or *Roseanne*.

Pre-printed post cards ask the president of Toyota to "stop sponsoring programs which promote homosexuality as normal, acceptable, approved, alternative lifestyle," and threaten to boycott Toyota cars unless this is done.

Wait, there's more! The fundamentalist group went bonkers when it learned a Toyota ad in the Australian gay publication Outrage showed two men (apparently a couple) and a Toyota under a caption that read "The Family Car."

Toyota and its local dealerships are now under heavy fire to avoid the gay press as well as gay-inclusive TV programs. We think you'll agree Toyota should be encouraged to run ads in American gay magazines!

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Karen Thompson Keynoter At Celebration '92

Karen Thompson will be the featured keynote speaker at Celebration '92, the 12th Annual Louisiana State Lesbian and Gay Conference, slated for June 5 - 7, 1992 in New Orleans.

Karen Thompson will speak of her seven-year legal battle to be named guardian for her life partner Sharon Kowalski who had sustained multiple disabilities as a result of an auto accident in 1983. The Kowalski Case became a rallying cause for gay rights groups, when the Minnesota appeals court granted guardianship of Kowalski to Thompson in December 1991.

Celebration '92 offers a weekend of informative workshops, entertainment, speakers, meals, and an auction planned for June 5 - 7 at the Marriott Hotel in New Orleans.

Registration for Celebration '92 is $80 before May 15, and $95 -after May 15. The full-time student fee is $55. The conference fee includes all activities, the Friday night concert featuring Romanovsky & Phillips, as well as Jamie Anderson, Saturday lunch and dinner, and Sunday brunch.

For registration information, call (504) 586-1006.

Figleaf Film Festival

Figleaf Educational Festivals is now accepting film and video submissions to be considered for the 1992-93 season. Selected submissions will be screened in the Fresno International Gay and Lesbian Film/Video Festival and will also be considered for a national tour. There are still some openings remaining in the upcoming season for communities that have the facilities and would like to host their own Figleaf Festival. For further information please contact Figleaf Educational Festivals, PO Box 4092, Fresno, CA 93744.

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SLCC Country-Western Dance!

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◀ *Dance instructor and performer John Batchelor showed us all how easy it can look!*

▶ *Mary Smith & Geni Cowan try out some of the "two-step stuff."*

Sacramento Men's Chorus Plans

On Thursday, June 4, SMC is planning a joint concert with Die Schrillmänner, a Student Men's Chorus from Karlsruhe, Germany. Die Schrillmänner will be touring 5 West Coast cities and SMC is hosting them while they visit here.

For further information concerning upcoming concert, events, season tickets, membership in, or concert availability of the Sacramento Men's Chorus, call (916) 444-5213.

Poison on Video

Fox Lorber Video is proud to announce the release of the long-awaited controversial film, *Poison*. The film will be released on home video nationally on May 28 after its successful theatrical run.

Poison was the most talked about film of the year after conservative activist Rev. Donald Wildmon and his American Family Association called *Poison* a film "that no one should see."

The attack prompted former chairman John E. Frohnmayer of the National Endowment For The Arts to take a firm stand in support of its funding of this film. The battle and controversy was covered by every major newspaper and ran extensively on national television programs.

Poison arrives soon at your video store. Make sure your local video store orders it - let them know of your interest in seeing this film. A donation of one dollar from the sale of each video cassette will be made to the American Foundation For AIDS Research. To purchase your own copy, or for institutional use call 800-367-8439 (retail price $89.95). Call Brian or Jennifer with any questions at (212) 532-3392.

Mayor Anne Rudin To Make Her Swan Song With CAP PAC

Mayor Anne Rudin, a long-time friend and supporter of Sacramento's Gay and Lesbian community, will be the keynote speaker at the California Capital Political Action Committee (CAP PAC) annual fund-raiser dinner on Saturday, May 30, 1992. The dinner, which begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Sacramento Community Convention Center Metropolitan Room, will most likely be Mayor Rudin's final appearance before CAP PAC while she is Mayor. Rudin, who was elected Mayor of Sacramento in 1983 and re-elected in 1987, is not running for a third term in the June 2nd primary elections. Her term as Mayor will end next November.

Besides the more than 500 persons expected to turn out for the dinner, the event is also expected to attract more than two dozen elected officials including members of Congress, members of the State Legislature, judges, county supervisors and Sacramento city council members.

CAP PAC, established in 1988, is Sacramento's bi-partisan, lesbian and gay political action committee. The organization supports the election of politicians who support gay and lesbian issues. Tickets for the May 30 dinner are $75 a person and can be ordered by calling 432-1475.

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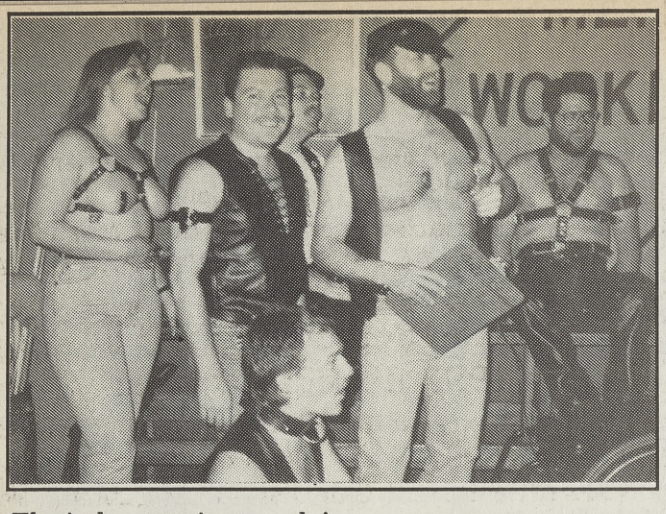

The judges getting rowdy!

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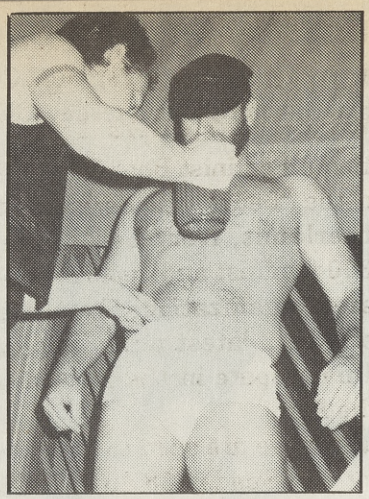


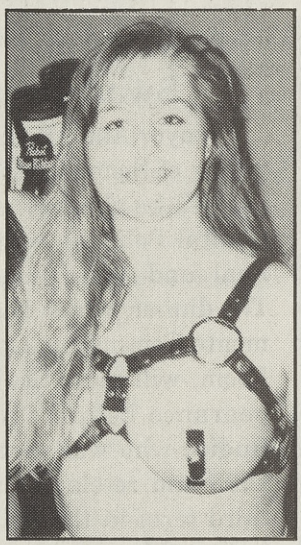
Calvin gets a peek!

Wet Jockey Shorts!

Judges, viewers, and contestants all had a great time at the Wreck Room on April 11th. Money was raised to send Mr. Leather Sacto, Wes Patterson, to Chicago for the Int'l Mr. Leather Title Contest.

Leather Workshop

Ms. Sacramento Valley Leather, Carolina (pictured) will host an introductory S/M workshop and play party on Saturday, May 16 with demonstrations by Kim Wallace and Bill Gooch. Admission is $5, and refreshments will be provided. This event is a fund-raiser for "Power Surge," an all-women's leather and S/M conference to be held in Seattle. For further information and directions to the playroom call 441-4559.



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Gay, Lesbian Mainstream Journalists Set Landmark Meeting

The first-ever national conference of gay and lesbian journalists in mainstream media is scheduled in San Francisco June 25-27. It will examine the role of the print and electronic press in coverage of lesbian and gay issues.

NLGJA

The historic conference is the first of a new and swiftly expanding organization, the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association (NLGJA). The organization, begun 18 months ago, has grown to more than 600 participants, with eight regional chapters across the country.

Contact Sherry Boschert or Leroy Aarons at (415) 474-5991.

Volunteers Needed for Gay & Lesbian Pride Parade and Festival

Christopher Street West/Los Angeles is offering volunteers of the 22nd Annual Gay Pride Celebration free admission to the June 27-28 festival, as well as "community support grants" to non-profit organizations working at the festival or parade. CSW relies on the help of hundreds of volunteers each year to put on the Celebration.

Prospective volunteers can call CSW at (213) 656-6553 to sign-up to work in several different areas, including the beverage stands, first-aid stations (with medical certification), ticket booths, sanitation, parade monitors along the parade route and festival safety monitors.

LIFE Lobby Announces Lobby Day

The Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality (LIFE) is sponsoring a lobby day in Sacramento on Monday, May 11 announced LIFE Co-Chairs Ken Jones and John Duran.

Writers Wanted

PATLAR is seeking writers in three areas: Politics, the Arts, and news/events of Arizona and New Mexico. Please submit sample columns, not more than three pages typed, to: PATLAR – Editor, PO Box 1413, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

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Fifth International Feminist Book Fair Will Be Held in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 24-28 June 1992

The Fifth International Feminist Book Fair (IFBF) will take place in the "Beurs van Berlage" in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, from 24-28 June 1992. Approximately 300 feminist and general publishers and book-related organizations from five continents will exhibit their latest publications. Over 150 writers will participate in the three-day public programme of the Fair.

Exhibition and programme are open to the general public from Friday 26 - Sunday 28 June 1992. Entry cost per day: 12,50 Dutch Guilders. On Wednesday 24 and Thursday 25 June the evening programme is open to the general public (entry cost 15 Dutch guilders).

For further information contact 5th International Feminist Book Fair, Overtoom 270, 1054 JB Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Phone number is +31-20-618-0416, fax is +31-20-618-0596.▼

Magazine to Focus on Same-Sex Couples

The world's first magazine for same-sex couples was launched on Valentines Day when Partners *Newsletter for Gay & Lesbian Couples* became a quarterly magazine.

Now titled *Partners Magazine for Gay & Lesbian Couples*, the publication features news, advice, and interviews of committed couples. Publisher Demian said the magazine "provides information and encouragement to couples, who often get little support from families, friends and employers. "

The magazine's first issue, Winter 1992, includes a story on how relationships suffer when partners are in the closet. In another article, 75 year-old Donald Vining recounts his experience of widowhood after a 43 year relationship.

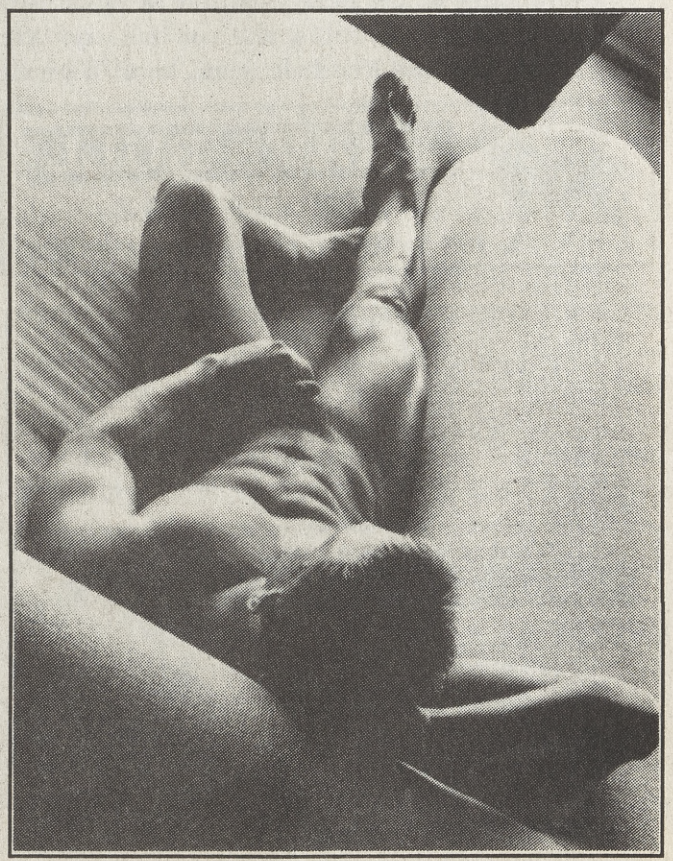
For information, contact Partners Magazine, Box 9685, Seattle, WA 98109; (206) 784-1519. A year's subscription costs $21.▼

Model Search Begins For 1993 Benefit Calendar

Men interested in contributing their time and image as models for the 1993 Focus...On The Male Nude AIDS Benefit Calendar should submit a recent photograph (color or black and white snapshot showing face and physique) to the AIDS Benefit Calendar, Attn: Model Search Committee, PO Box 34012, San Diego, CA 92163. (No calls please). Male couples and men who will pose with men in erotic but non-sexual situations are especially encouraged to apply.

Proceeds from the sale of the calendar benefit organizations which provide direct services to people with AIDS and HIV. Since 1990 the AIDS Benefit Calendar has raised and contributed more than $60,000 to AIDS agencies in nine cities.

The 1992 calendar is still available by mail for $10.75 (postage paid) by writing to 1992 AIDS Benefit Calendar, PO Box 34012, San Diego, CA 92163.▼



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Leah Levine

For the Children's Sake, Come Out!

At the viewing, I stood beside the silver casket. My arms were stretched around my then teenage daughter. We sobbed together, we trembled, and deep inside me a rage began to burn.

Scott had been 15 years old. My daughter was the last person to talk to him. At lunch that day, he had been concerned with her problems; as she cried, he had reached out to comfort her.

But who had reached out to Scott? Yes, he was well thought of in the drama productions he took part in, and the school choir wouldn't be as alive without him. But Scott was afraid and tired. Who could he turn to? His "friends" had labeled him "Gay", and he was just beginning to identify himself. I knew Scott, and I have no doubt that he was Gay. But Scott, having no one to share his fears with, went home and took his father's revolver – and in one instant that beautiful light was gone.

Every fiber of my being wanted to reach into that casket yank Scott out, shake him and say, "You don't belong in there. You belong out here! We need you!"

Each passing day since has only reaffirmed my feelings. We need the "Scotts", and if the Gay clergy, teachers, lawyers, and others would come out of their closets, he might have had someone to turn to for support and identity.

Although I am straight, I do know about coming out of a closet. I had my own closet as a victim of child molestation and incest. I know the fear, the pain, and the isolation. But more importantly, I know about change and healing. I know about the need for role models. Not just for the Scotts, but for all of us.

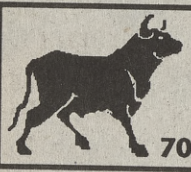
My own recovery was an erratic journey. Joining Adult Children of Alcoholics and going back to school made a good start, but something was missing. Then I met and came to love my two Gay "brothers". They introduced me and my children to a totally new concept (to us): unconditional love and acceptance.

Michael and Cliff have reached out to us, and not without personal cost. My ex-husband has threatened Michael's life. He told my younger daughter that Michael was my lover and the cause of our break-up, flip-flopping to tell her that Michael and Cliff were "dirty fags" and that if she got near them she would die from AIDS.

Yet Michael and Cliff stood by us through it all. My two younger children, ages 6 and 8, are too young to have defined sexual identities, but thanks to my Gay brothers, and many other Gay friends we have made, whatever their sexual orientations, it will be wonderful because it's who they are. My 15 year old son is definitely straight, but thanks to his "uncles", he is increasingly comfortable with his growing sensitivity. He marched us when Pete Wilson vetoed AB 101 and gladly went to Capitol Park at 5 a.m. on National Coming Out Day to tie rainbow ribbons on the trees.

I pray for the day when all Gays and Lesbians come out and make society deal with it. When that day comes, the homophobes will have no choice but to deal with it, for your numbers will be staggering. Fear comes from ignorance, but you are wonderful teachers.

Please stop this malignant breeding of homophobia. Come out and give all our children, Gay and Straight, the loving, accepting guidance which they often don't get at home. Be there for all the children (even us older ones). I cry when I think of the children like Scott without Gay "Aunts" or "Uncles" or "Mothers" or "Fathers." They are missing so much. They need you so much.▼



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Baltimore — City of Charm

With the Gay March on Washington coming up next Spring , we turn our thoughts once more to the Eastern seaboard. Baltimore has always seemed to offer the gay and lesbian traveler the best of both worlds. Almost all the major attractions as well as the gay/lesbian night life are literally bunched up next to each other.

The big news in the Charm City this year is the new Orioles ballpark at Camden Yards, which is near the Inner Harbor and only about 10 blocks from the heart of the gay/lesbian ghetto. While it may not be the House that Ruth built (Yankee Stadium), center field IS on the site of the house where Babe lived. The old fashioned stadium, predominantly brick with a turn-of- the-century style, is being hailed as just what a baseball stadium should be. It's the REAL THING, baby...no dome and no astroturf! Architects around the country have praised the new ballpark for its attempt to mesh with the urban fabric of downtown Baltimore.

The gay community in Baltimore is serious about getting the word out to the gay/lesbian press that when coming East for the March on Washington, one can get better rates on hotels and have a whole lot more fun in their city than in D.C. Round trip via Greyhound is just $9.00 from Baltimore to D.C. if you purchase your ticket at any Greyhound station 21 days in advance. Or, if train travel turns you on, the trip is about $12.00.

Whenever we are visiting Baltimore our favorite place to stay is the Comfort Inn, located at 24 W. Franklin Street. The building was once known throughout the East Coast as the most predominantly gay YMCA around. Now, it has been beautifully redecorated an refurbished into a straight hotel, but because it is located in the heart of the gay/lesbian ghetto it has quite a following among gays and lesbians. In fact, it is particularly well suited to closet types. Trendy lesbians and athletic gay men just love staying here because some of the rooms offer private Jacuzzis. For information on

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Laura Post

Muse News

Same old, same old? — not! More updates and a summer preview.

In 5/91 was the first-ever Italian National Lesbian Week. The same month, Sue Fink delivered her rousing Keynote speech at the 1991 Association of Women's Music and Culture (AWMAC) Annual Conference, celebrating her reasons for having joined the feminist cultural network at the start, and reviewing some of the subsequent changes - positive and negative - in the movement. (Sue will be at several festivals this summer).

The bad: Peg Cruikshank accused Feminist Press of reissuing a pirated edition of her 1982 *Lesbian Studies*; Russia opened its first sex shop, selling tampons; anguish reigned in Ireland about whether to allow a raped 14-year-old girl to have an abortion in Britain (finally, yes); we addressed the myths that women ware merely supportive in the Klan (Kathleen Blee's *Women of The Klan*); the International Lesbian and Gay Association nearly went under (saved by a recent donation from the European Human Rights Foundation); we tried to accept Diane Middlebrook's biography of poet Anne Sexton, which made use of (posthumously?) confidential therapy transcripts; a woman's child was taken from her because she asked the wrong people about possible sexual arousal during nursing; Irish lesbians were prohibited from marching in New York City's St. Patrick's Day Parade; journalist Sandy Nelson (of the *Tacoma Morning News Tribune*) was demoted for her lesbian political activism; and many lesbian papers, festivals, and individuals have been discriminated against.

The good: We are fighting back. A (female) student nurse publicly charged her (female) supervisor with sexual harassment at San Francisco State University; we're protesting Basic Instinct; we're remembering the horrific 1691 Salem witch trials with a monument (Ann Forefreedom, Institute for Feminist Studies, 1005 Market Street Suite 305, San Francisco, CA 94103); a lesbian San Diego law enforcement student is suing the Diego Sheriff's Academy over the hostile training environment; the Illinois ACLU is appealing a ruling that a lesbian's

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rates and reservations, call them toll free at (800) 221-2222.

Other good deals in town include the Days Inn Inner Harbor at Lombard Street and 100 Hopkins Place. A room for four can be had for $59.00 or less, but you cannot book this super-saver special until June 1st. For more information call (800)325-2525 or (410) 576-1000. Similar in price is the Shirley Madison Inn at 205 West Madison Street. They also seem to attract a large gay/lesbian following. Perhaps it is their close proximity to the night-life. They offer 17 double rooms, serve a complimentary breakfast, and it is not unusual to find friendly folks sipping sherry in the comfortable parlor. It would be best to book your room here way in advance if you are planning on going to the March on D.C For reservations call (410) 728-6550.

Baltimore is an extremely friendly city for the gay/lesbian traveler. It seems they try to compensate for D.C.'s uppity attitude. Sheri, a lesbian friend of ours, is typical. At thirty-something, she has opted for a somewhat casual lifestyle, working at the Gay & Lesbian Community Center, located at 241 West Chase Street at Brexton. Every Wednesday evening she can be found at the weekly women's rap group promptly at 7:30 P.M. In her standard uniform of jeans and T-shirt, Sheri still carries a somewhat Western look, picked up when she lived in Ashland, Oregon for a time. Sheri loves the arts and artists; she also loves a good cause, such as gay rights; and she also will admit to loving a good time. "Come and stay in Baltimore, where you will feel the slower, carefree pace that we choose to live," she exhorted to us one evening. "Why subject yourselves to the 'in-your-face' mentality so prevalent in D.C. where how you look is so f***ing important? I mean, MARCH in D.C...sure, but come to BALTIMORE to party!"

Find Out What's Happening in the Gay & Lesbian Community in PATLAR

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When we asked Sheri what she felt was Baltimore's Number One attraction, she suggested, to our consternation, the B&O Railroad Museum. "Gosh", we said. " This sounds like another Sacramento!" What's with the B&O Railroad Museum? Well, the following day we decided to find out, so we joined Sheri to visit this low-tech museum, which turns out to be the birthplace of American railroading. Located at 901 W. Pratt Street, Mt. Clare Station houses the most extensive collection of railroad memorabilia in the United States. From this spot Samuel Morse sent the first telegraph message "What has God wrought?" and Peter Cooper built America's first locomotive, the Tom Thumb. The cathedral-like roundhouse contains dozens of locomotives and cars, spilling out onto the tracks that criss-cross the cobblestone grounds. Old prints, railroad relics, dioramas and an exquisite model train garden combine to bring back the era of the Iron Horse. You will need at least an hour and a half here; admission is $5.00. It may not possess the status or pack the wallop of the top railroad museum in the country, located in Sacramento, but in its own way it is quite captivating.

After our morning of railroad nostalgia, Sheri's significant other, Anita, took some time off from her job to show us her favorite "must-see" for out-of-towners, the H.L. Mencken House, located at 1524 Hollins Street. This was the home of the famous journalist and "Sage of Baltimore" for more than 68 years. The 19th century rowhouse appears much as it did in Mencken's lifetime, and features his original furniture and belongings. In the parlor a narrated slide show documents the editor's personal and professional life. A display in the garden depicts Mencken at various stages of his life. Admission is $1.75.

Our next stop was the Gay Community Center again, where the owner of the Lambda Rising Book Store (241 Chase Street) suggested we continue our sightseeing with a visit to the Poe House. We blurted out that we had already been to two Poe houses, one in New York City and another in Philadelphia, and that we felt somewhat "pooped out on Poe". Oh, no!" he contested, "The BEST Poe house is in BALTIMORE! We have the one with the KOOKY ATTIC!"

Well, we certainly couldn't pass that one up, so off we went to visit this tiny rowhouse at 203 Amity Street, where Edgar Allen Poe lived and wrote from his cozy garret while courting his cousin. There is a small admission charge.

The two best dancing bars seemed to be the Allegro (1101 Cathedral Street) and the Hippo (1 West

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Edgar Street). Perhaps because the Hippo is mentioned in Baltimore Magazine every month as THE hot spot for the gay/lesbian crowd, two new transvestite friends, Connie and Cynthia (both from Annapolis)) wanted to stick around for awhile, hoping to "get lucky". They felt this was THE place where the "straight" guys go hunting for bi-girls, TVs and TSs.

Younger gays and lesbians are usually to be found at Numbers, a dance palace located at 2314 Boston Street, in the Fells Point area. To get there you must hop on a water taxi from the Inner Harbor. This in itself is quite a trip. For just $1.00 you will feel like you are in Venice. Italy, that is. Fells Point is Baltimore's original shipbuilding and maritime center. The district dates back to 1730 and has over 350 original residential structures. Unique to the country as a surviving colonial working man's community, you still stand on the docks and watch the ships come in, stroll along the cobblestone streets amidst pubs, restaurants, galleries and antique stores or visit the specialty shops in Brown's Wharf, a collection of renovated brick warehouses on the water's edge.

Around midnight we took the last possible water taxi back to the Inner Harbor from Fells Point in order to visit the Club Mitchell at 10003 E. Pratt Street. The gorgeous door person at this club (which has to be Baltimore's premier lesbian dance palace) asked us in parting to tell our readers that Baltimore does have one terrific gay/lesbian B&B- It's the Chez Claire at 17 West Chase Street; (410) 685-4666. OK, we did.

For Baltimore brochures and more information to a city where a week just isn't enough time, write to the Baltimore Area Convention & Visitors Association at 1 East Pratt Street, Plaza Level, Baltimore, Maryland 21202 or call them at (410) 837-4636.♥

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child was to be given to the ex-husband; a Texas judge ruled in favor of a lesbian denied employment by the Dallas Police Department; New Jersey and Louisiana joined Connecticut, Hawaii, Wisconsin, and Massachusetts in enacting gay-rights legislation; survivors of the women's Nazi concentration camp Ravensbruck gathered in April to re-dedicate themselves to anti-oppressionism; columns are beginning to be written consistently by gay men about women's health crises (breast cancer); we learned that the author of "America, the Beautiful," Katherine Lee Bates, was a lesbian; Canada ruled that, despite freedom of expression, it is legitimate to suppress materials that harm women; a new Study concludes that HIV is not sweat-transmitted (yay lesbian sex!).

The future: Karen Williams tackles the big-time, having signed with Miller Moyers USA and made her first international appearance in Paris recently; Pat Califia's new class confronts some of the negative stereotypes about S/M (8 weeks for $80-120, call (415) 333-1723); amidst the brouhaha resulting from the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival's 1991 refusal to allow 'non- biological' women on their land, a male-to-female transsexual, April Capwill, was permitted to compete in a Pennsylvania road race (to network about "new women," write Janis Wallworth, PO Box 52, Ashby MA 01431); a male attorney doing doctoral work in psychology is seeking lesbian couples who are raising children conceived through donor insemination in order to have info for judges (David K. Flaks, 2201 Pennsylvania Avenue, #815, Philadelphia PA 19130); a Time Magazine/CNN poll revealed that 63% of women do not consider themselves feminist.

In 1992, music, comedy, and other entertainment are just not enough, although fun and net-

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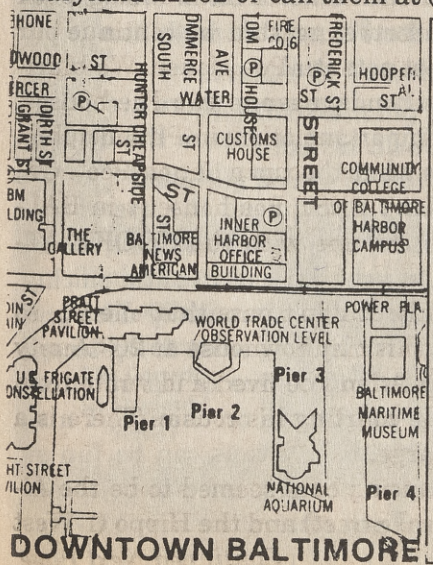

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working are vital; we must take energy from those events and apply it to causes and movements toward freedoms, individual and global peace, environmental/ ecological safety. Womongathering will happen between May 15-17 near Oxford PA (Rt 5, Box 185, Franklinville NJ 08322). Memorial Day weekend, there is a choice: Campfest in Oxford, PA RR 5 Box 185, Franklinville, NJ 08233/Wiminfest, PO Box 80204, Albuerque, NM 87198-0204/Southern Women's Music and Comedy Fest in its new location of Asheville NC (after the Union of American Hebrew Congregations refused to rent the rural Georgia camp for a predominantly lesbian gathering), 15842 Chase Street, North Hills, CA 91343. The following weekend, May 28-31, the National Women's Music Festival will happen in Bloomington, IN, Dept LC, Box 1427, Indianapolis, IN 46206; AWMAC is coincident with NWMF, this year, so check out the AWMAC artist sampler Thursday and the festival concerts over the weekend.

Between June 5-7, in Malibu, will be the First Annual West Coast Lesbians Festival. Featuring the fabulous June and Jean Millington, Melanie DeMore, and Rashida Oji, the WCLF may turn out to be one of the most lesbian-of-color inclusive/positive event of "women's music" (Particular Productions, 279 Lester Avenue #3, Oakland, CA 94606). Incidentally, Maxine Feldman — who will also appear at the WCLF — is having hard times, needing help. Specifically, she is requesting "(1) money to cover rent, heat, food, toilet paper; (2) your good wishes, thoughts, and prayers; (3) a letter or card just so I know you're out there; (4) stamps for letters and cards." If you can, please send to 174 Hillsdale Street, Boston, MA 02120.

Saturday, June 13, the Sixth Annual International Lesbian and Gay Bodybuilding Championships will take place in San Francisco, CA (1230 Market Street #221, San Francisco, CA 94102). June 18- 21 the 4th Annual East Coast Lesbians Festival will blossom in the Catskills; June 15-17 is something extra and special, a 3- day silent pre-ECLF lesbian ASL intensive for all levels, taught by experienced deaf lesbian instructors, and with total immersion in the language and culture. Have you always said that you wanted to learn ASL? Here's your chance to start (same address as WCLF). Other notable news: Ronnie Gilbert debuts her one-woman show, "Mother Earth," at the Milwaukee Repertory Theater, April 3-May 15.

As always, please send your news to Laura Post, PO Box 207, Alameda, CA 94501 or call (510) 273-9496.♥

Justin LeatherSpace

For most people the idea of bondage is a scary one indeed. To trust your body to the desires of another is a big step, but it can be one of the most rewarding you ever take. If you're with a top who has good imagination and skills, you can be in for one wild ride. There's no limit to the fantasies and desires you can fulfill if you just try.

The key word in any bondage situation is TRUST. You must be as sure as you can that you're with a top that you can trust to watch out for the possible problems that can arise in a bondage scene and one that has your pleasure in mind as well as their own. Not long ago I was in the San Francisco Eagle in full dress leathers. when a good looking guy came up and asked if my handcuffs were real. When I replied they were, he looked me square in the eye and stated that he wanted me to cuff him and take him anywhere I wanted, and use him in a heavy bondage and torture scene, no limits, no restrictions. While it was true he could not have been in safer hands than mine, and he was a major hunk, I still turned him down. I told him it saddened me that if he continued to proposition complete strangers in such a way, the chances were good he would be dead within a year or so. 99 percent of all tops are good people and pose no true risk to a bottom, but there is the fringe group who, by their use of drugs or alcohol or even a lack of experience, can get a bottom into trouble. I am not trying to scare anyone; I'm just saying tops and bottoms need to talk and get to know each other a bit in order to establish a few ground rules so that both can enjoy the scene to it's fullest potential.

When you're in a bondage scene there are several factors that are important to insure the desired outcome. The first is what the top will use to tie the bottom up with. I don't recommend the use of any kind of wire as a tie — it may cut the skin or cut off circulation, and can be very difficult to untie quickly if the need arises. Rope is most commonly used and works quite well. I prefer leather wrist & leg straps as they don't slip, cause rope burns or cut off circulation, and are easy to remove or change. I also found heavy chain or rubber straps can be fun so long as they are secure but not too tight. In any case, a good top will check often to be sure the bottom's hands and feet are not getting cold and blue

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Ernie Brown

Views From River City

Editor's Note: PATLAR congratulates the new Monarchs of CGNIE! Look for a special photo section on the Coronation in our June issue.

I am sure by now that you know who our new Monarchs are, but just in case you missed it: our new Empress is Stacey, and our new Emperor is Paul! May you reign in peace. New CGNIE Board members are Alta, Shondra, and Francine Fishpaw. Welcome to the Board.

This year's Coronation was great! It wasn't the long, drawn out affair they usually are. It really moved. Also, it was quite an honor to Sacramento that Jose Sarria (the Widow Norton, Empress I of San Francisco) was a guest and speaker! Thank you! As a matter of fact, the entire Coronation weekend was a hit, especially the victory brunch. It was well done and in good taste. Lady Garnet and Leonard, heartiest congratulations on a wonderful stepping down. You've earned a well-deserved rest.

LaKish would like to thank everyone for making her auction for PAARC so highly successful. The total amount raised that night was $852.00. The Fairy Godfathers Fund would like to thank the Wreck Room and Randy Gray for their benefit fundraiser. I would especially like to thank all those hot, hunky young men who participated in the Bare Chest contest. There will be another contest on the fourth Saturday of May – check it out!

Have you had a chance to catch some of the afternoon shows on Sundays at the Western? If not, here's your chance! Kirby and Lady Cathy present a show for "Grant a Wish for Patrick" on Saturday, May 9th, 2 p.m., at the Western. Here is another Sunday afternoon specialty – Barbecue at FACES. It's getting to be a tradition every Sunday at about 5 p.m. Your chef on the grill is none other than Leon and Carey.

The crack of the bats is filling the Spring air – yes, the Gay softball league is in full swing! All games will be played 21st and C Streets. Check in at any bar for their schedule.

Joseph's Town and Country has a lot of events during May – head on out there to get all the details. The TownHouse is still turning out those beautiful dishes, especially for Sunday Brunch. John C. (you know who you are) you flattered yourself on being a man without prejudice, and this pretension itself is a very great prejudice.

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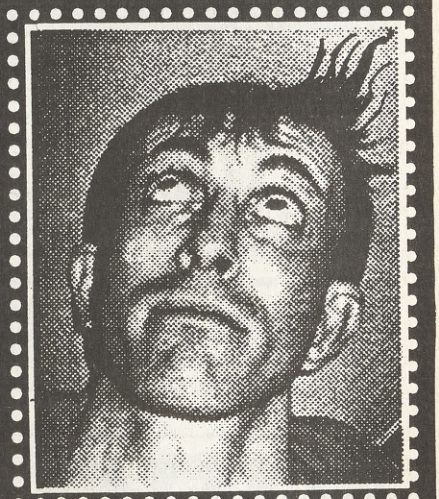

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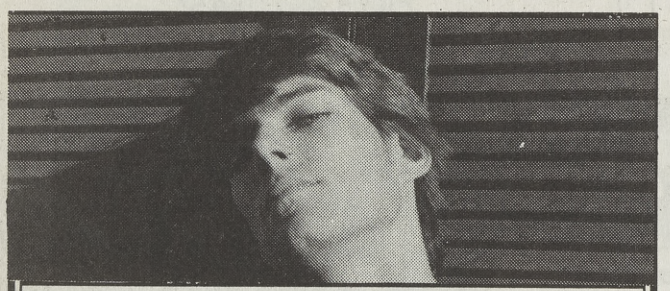

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due to lack of blood flow; this is especially true if a bottom is hanging. As a rule I don't suggest hanging a bottom off the ground as this is very hard on the arms & shoulders. Never hang someone with anything around their neck as this can lead to strangulation, and it happens more often than you think. I personally knew a 22 year old who was killed trying to achieve a semi-conscious state during sex with a rope around his neck. The top didn't realize there was a problem until it was too late and Brad was dead.

There's a wide range of bondage sex, from simply being tied around the arms and legs, to being completely immobilized head to toe. For scenes ending up in the complete mummification of the bottom, the top may use materials like cloth sheets, ace bandages, rubber or leather strips, even plastic food wrap. In more intense scenes, controlled breathing is the goal. In this case the top wraps a bottom very snugly with only their nose or mouth and perhaps the cock exposed. With each wrap the top steadily increases the tightness which slowly restricts the bottom's chest and forces him to take shallower breaths. At this point the top can work the bottom into a very intense orgasm. I strongly recommend only experienced tops be allowed to do this as the potential problems are very real. This type scene can be very stimulating but only if done in a well controlled environment with a properly trained top.

Usually when I'm with a new bottom I blindfold them. This adds a whole new element to the scene. When you can't see, your ability to tell what's actually happening is very limited. Since about 80 percent of sex is psychological, if you eliminate sight, the mind must form its own image of what's happening based only on the remaining senses. Every sound, smell, or touch causes the brain to form new ideas of what it thinks is going on. In most cases, I found if I let a new bottom see what was coming, they freaked due entirely to pre-conceived notions in their heads. However, if they experience a tool, toy, or scene, blind-folded, 99 percent can't wait to find out how I caused a sensation or series of body rushes. I never tell them though, which just makes them want more.

Another factor in bondage sex that's as important as what you tie the bottom with, is what you tie them to. There are several options one can use here; the obvious one for most is the bed. Any bed with the legs exposed will work fine. You simply run your ties off the legs in each corner and bind the bottom spread eagle. Four poster beds work even better as the tall corner posts allow you to raise the bottoms legs up high and tie them to the top of the posts if

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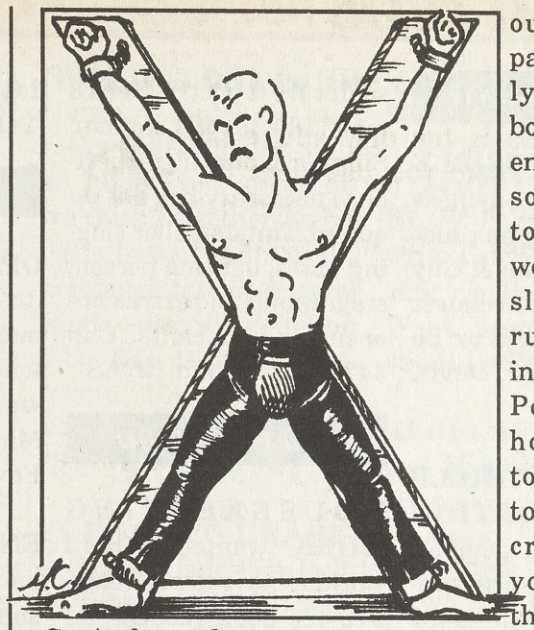
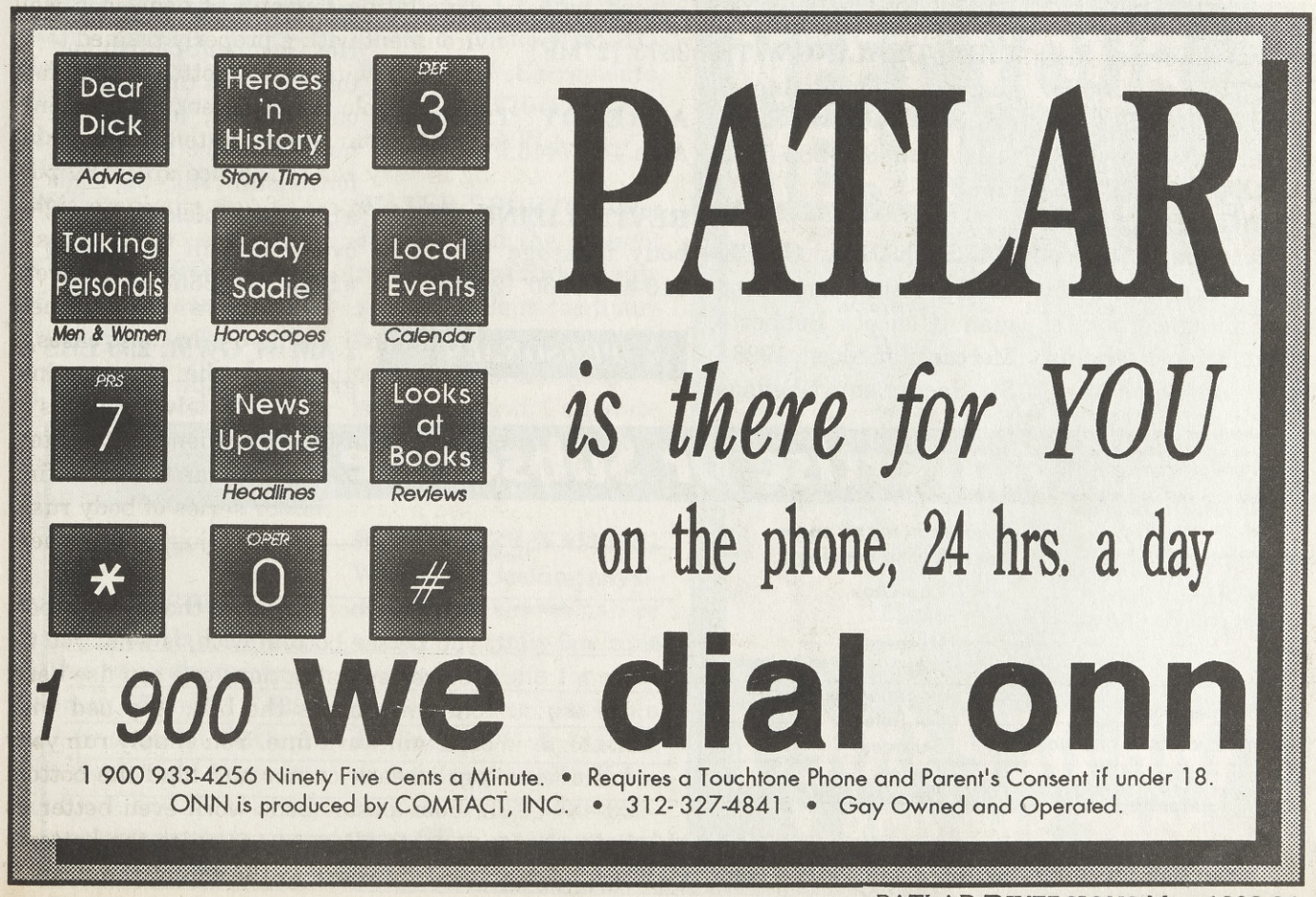
you want to fuck the bottom. You can also get quite imaginative tying a bottom to a simple wooden or metal chair. There's many ways to work with the legs and back of a chair to immobilize a bottom. If you prefer the bottom standing, then a door frame with an eye hook in each corner works great. For those who can't put a hole in the woodwork, simply use two different door frames across the hall from each other and tie the bottom to the upper and lower hinges so they're standing spread eagle in the hallway between the two doors. If your one of a lucky few that has open beam ceilings or exposed heavy pipes in the basement then you have everything you need. Sturdy, well-secured garage door tracks also work well. Those who have a space they can turn into a playroom can, among other thing, put hooks in walls, ceilings, and even the floor.

Those that like to build things might construct something called a St. Andrews Cross. This is a simple yet great device that's easy to build and store. Just take two equal length 2 X 6 or 4 X 4 boards and make an "X" with them. At mid point where the two beams cross, use a router to remove half of each boards thickness so that the two fit evenly together in an X shape with no overlap. Secure them by using four bolts in the center making sure that the bolts are down flush in the wood so nothing sticks



St. Andrews Cross

out and all parts fit evenly. Sand the boards smooth enough so that someone tied to the cross won't get large slivers from rubbing against the wood. Position eye hooks on the top and bottom of the cross and, if you like, in the middle as well. You now have a great piece of bondage equipment that you can tie any bottom to, and to store it just undo the four bolts, separate the boards and stand them up in a corner. The only thing to watch with any of the ideas here is make sure that whatever you're tying someone to is strong enough to hold them, and then enjoy. Next month: you've got them tied, so now what? Until then practice in leather.



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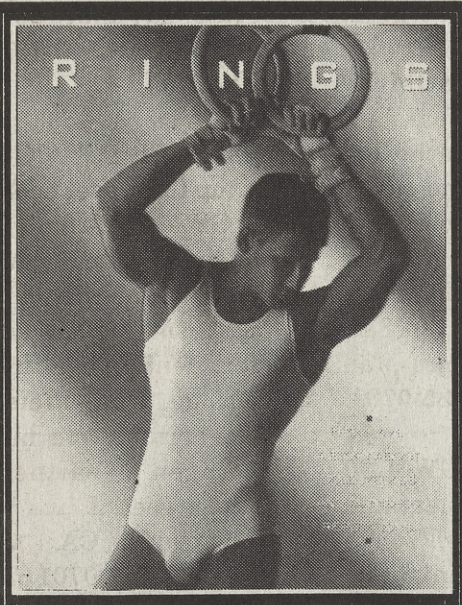

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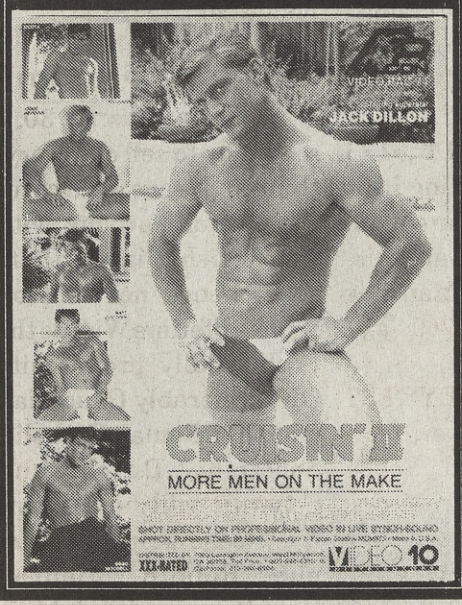

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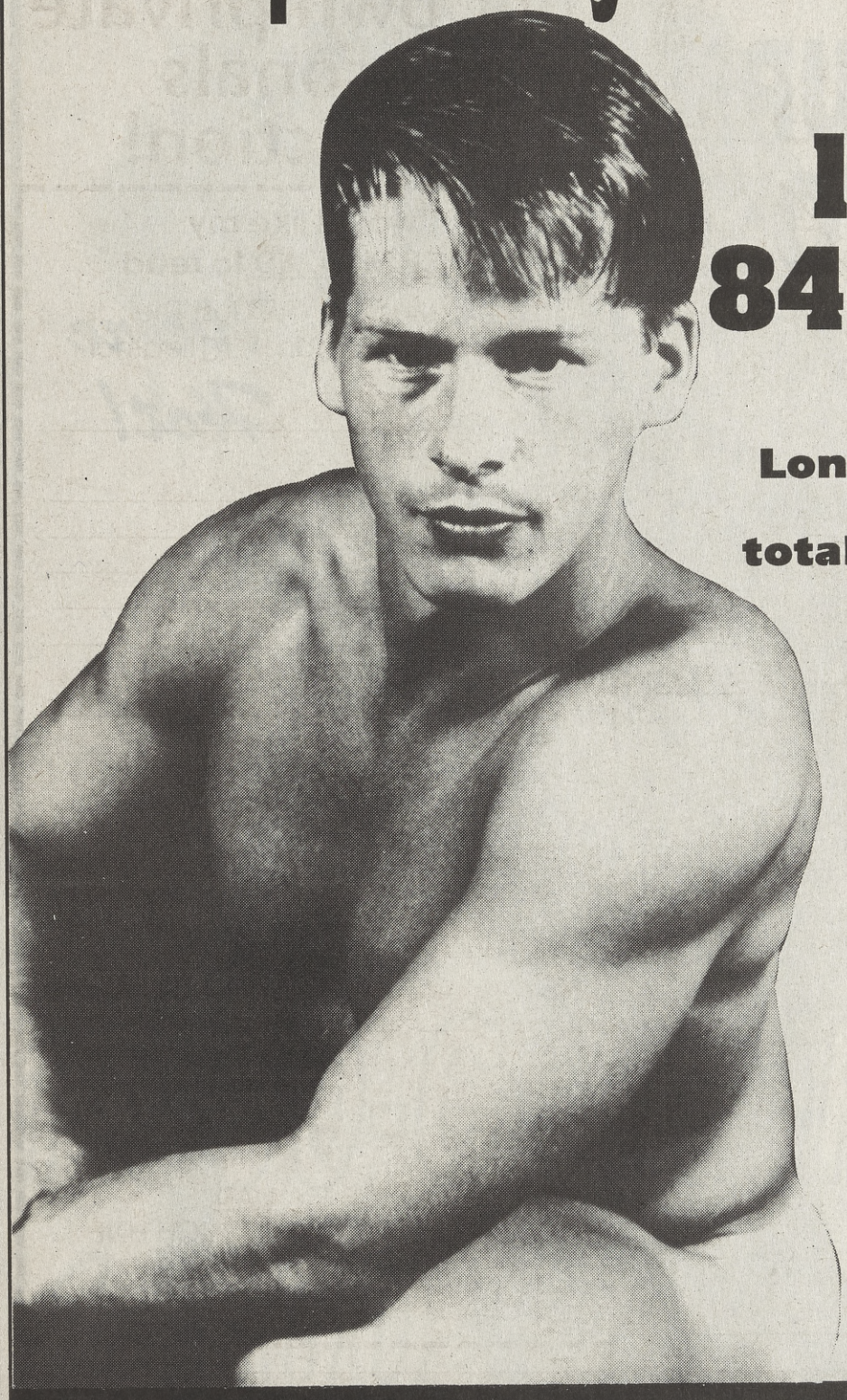

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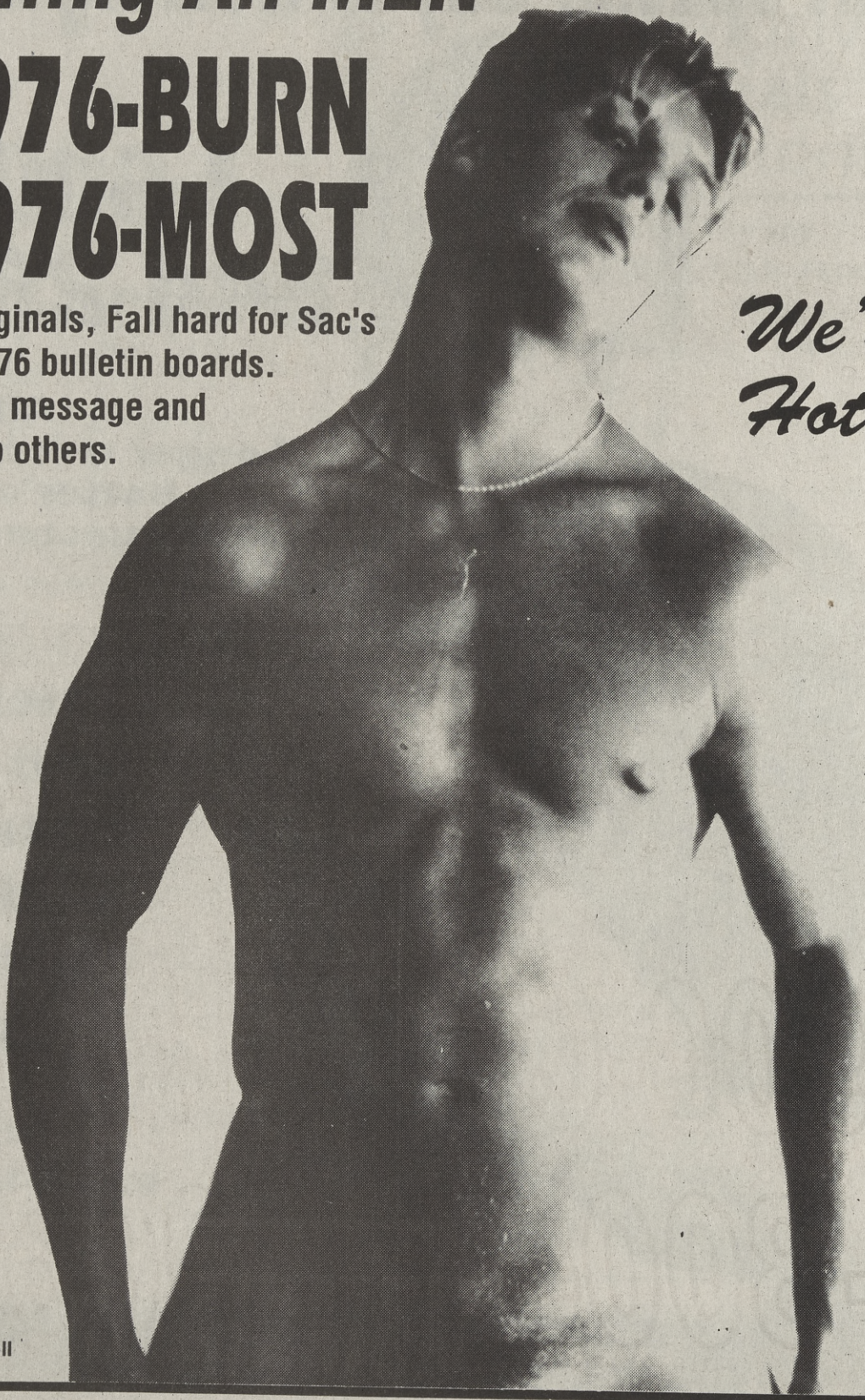

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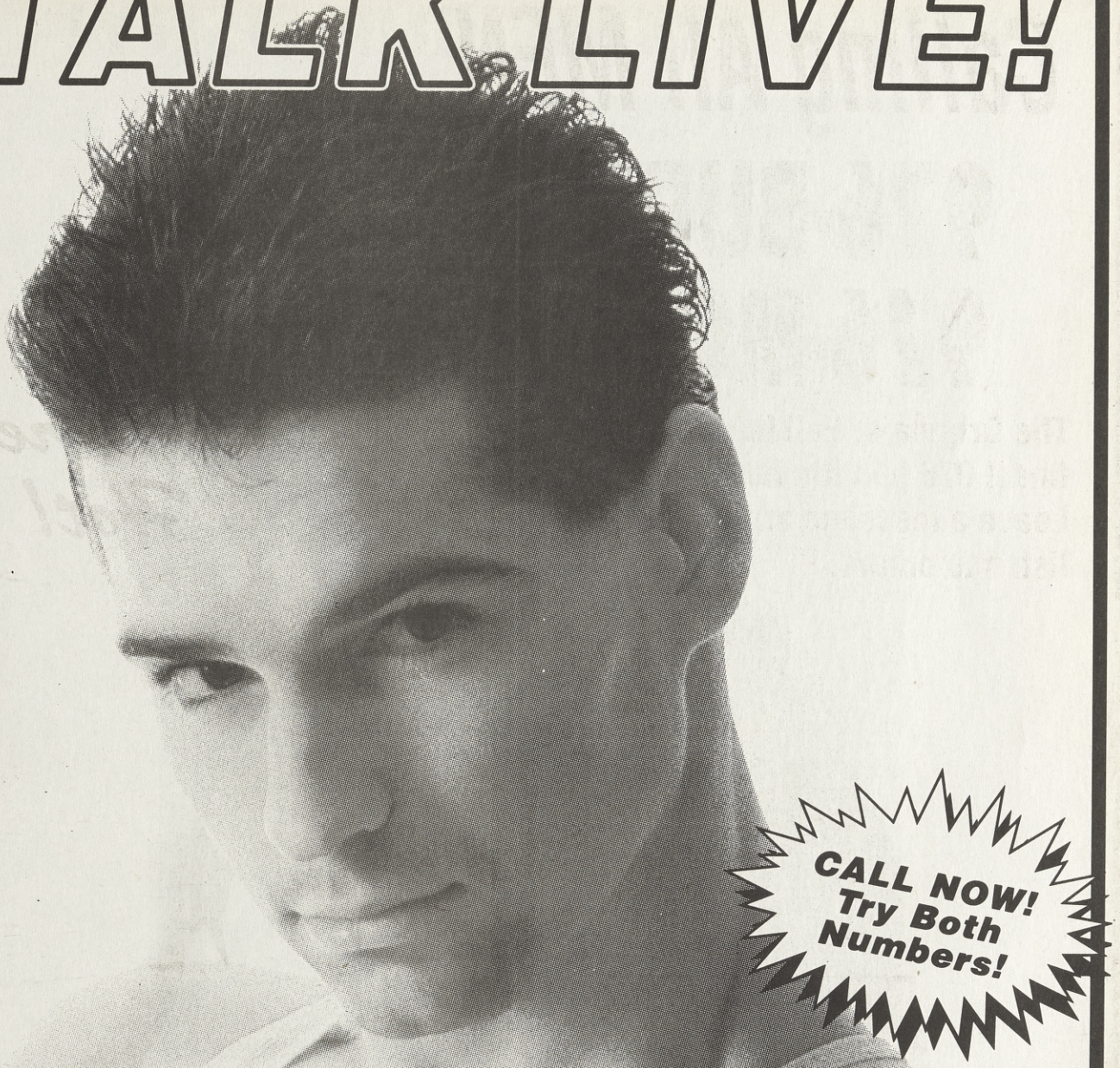

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